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S. 1437

To provide for an increase in funding for the conduct and support of diabetes-related research by the National Institutes of Health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 29, 1995

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Diabetes Research Act
5 of 1995".

6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Diabetes is a serious health problem in
9 America.

1 (2) More than 14,000,000 Americans suffer
2 from diabetes.

3 (3) Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of
4 death in America, taking the lives of 162,000 people
5 annually.

6 (4) Diabetes disproportionately affects minority
7 populations, especially African-Americans, His-
8 panics, and Native Americans.

9 (5) Diabetes is the leading cause of new blind-
10 ness, affecting up to 39,000 Americans each year.

11 (6) Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney fail-
12 ure requiring dialysis or transplantation, affecting
13 up to 13,000 Americans each year.

14 (7) Diabetes is the leading cause of
15 nontraumatic amputations, affecting 54,000 Ameri-
16 cans each year.

17 (8) The cost of treating diabetes and its com-
18 plications are staggering for our Nation.

19 (9) Diabetes accounted for health expenditures
20 of \$105,000,000,000 in 1992.

21 (10) Diabetes accounts for over 14 percent of
22 our Nation's health care costs.

23 (11) Federal funds invested in diabetes re-
24 search over the last two decades has led to signifi-
25 cant advances and, according to leading scientists

and endocrinologists, has brought the United States to the threshold of revolutionary discoveries which hold the potential to dramatically reduce the economic and social burden of this disease.

(12) The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases supports, in addition to many other areas of research, genetic research, islet cell transplantation research, and prevention and treatment clinical trials focusing on diabetes. Other research institutes within the National Institutes of Health conduct diabetes-related research focusing on its numerous complications, such as heart disease, eye and kidney problems, amputations, and diabetic neuropathy.

**SEC. 3. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH; INCREASED
FUNDING REGARDING DIABETES.**

With respect to the conduct and support of diabetes-related research by the National Institutes of Health—

(1) in addition to any other authorization of appropriations that is available for such purpose for the fiscal year involved, there are authorized to be appropriated for such purpose such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2000; and



1 (2) of the amounts appropriated under para-
2 graph (1) for such purpose for a fiscal year, the Di-
3 rector of the National Institutes of Health shall re-
4 serve—

5 (A) not less than \$155,000,000 for such
6 purpose for the National Institute of Diabetes
7 and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; and

8 (B) not less than \$160,000,000 for such
9 purpose for the other national research insti-
10 tutes.

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